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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1635

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FOR: A NOVEL HUMAN G-PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTOR,  
HGPRBMY23, EXPRESSED HIGHLY IN KIDNEY

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
WITHOUT TRAVERSE**

Sir:

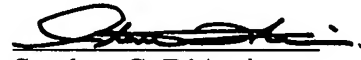
In reply to the Office Action dated April 7th, 2004, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, without traverse, drawn to antisense nucleic acid compounds, vectors, and host cells comprising the same. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in the amount of \$110 for payment of the extension fee.

If any fee is due in connection herewith, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 of the undersigned. Furthermore, if any extension of time not already accounted for is required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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